MYSORE LEGISLATURE SALARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.

*Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Mysore Legislature Salaries Bill, (Amendment) 1956, be taken into consideration."

Copies of the Bill are in the hands of the Hon'ble Members. As could be seen, it is a very simple measure seeking to provide extra amount of sumptuary allowance to the Chairman of the Legislative Council as well as to make due provision of residence and other conveniences at Mysore. It has been found that the allotment made in the previous years is inadequate and in order to enable the Chairman to duly discharge his duties this small amount is necessary. I submit that this may be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved:

"That the Mysore Legislature Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1955, be taken into consideration."

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—(T.-Narasipur).—By this Bill the Government desire to amend section 4 of the Mysore Act. The Legislative Council has a strength of 40 members and perhaps keeping that in view the sumptuary allowance of Rs. 1,000 must have been provided to the Chairman. The sumptuary allowance to the Speaker is in the order of Rs. 2,500 because of the higher strength of the Assembly. Government have not given any reason for raising this. They have simply brought this amendment. Therefore, I would like to know the reasons therefor. They have stated that because the expenses have increased they want some additional provision. When I heard of this Bill I thought it was in respect of the incidental charges paid to members in respect of travel by railway.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug).—You welcome it!

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Yes, for this simple reason. A sum of 0-3-0 is paid as incidental charges. This was introduced when I Class in railways had been abolished. Now First Class has been re-introduced. The State will be enlarged, and hence at the old rate of incidental charges. State will incur a large expenditure. I thought the Government was having such consideration. But when I saw the Bill it was something else. I feel that an amendment of section 4 may not be necessary because even the strength of the Upper House in the new State of Mysore will not be more than 62.

Secondly, I have no objection in amending section 5 (*a*) by introducing a new section to provide accommodation to the Speaker and Chairman at Mysore. It is very necessary and I will not oppose that portion of the provision.

Thirdly, in respect of clause 4, we would like to know how much is due for all these years and why they did not bring proper amendment in time. It is very necessary to know these points.

Mr. SPEAKER.—In the financial memorandum thay have stated it.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—From how long it is overdue is not staetd?

ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ (ತುರುವೇಕೆರೆ).—ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಿಗೂ, ಮತ್ತು ಸಭಾಪತಿಗಳಿಗೂ ವರ್ಷವೆಲ್ಲ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಹಂಗಾಮಿ ವನತಿ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಅಥವ ಕೆಲವು ದಿನಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಯಾವಾಗಿನಿಂದ ಆ ಬಾಕಿ ನಿಂತು ಬಂದಿದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದ ನೆಲ್ಲ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರೆ ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುತ್ತ ದೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO:—In the Financial Memorandum we have already given it. The amount required is for paying water, eleteric and telephone charges in respect of accommodation provided for the Speaker and Chairman at Mysore. It comes to about Rs. 1,000 per annum.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA.—For what period I want to know.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO:—For the last two years.

Sri B. HUTCHE COWDA.—Are they permanent residences?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—They are temporarily going there.

*Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug) : Sir, I have to oppose this

(SRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.)

measure. We are aware from 1st November a bigger State is going to come into being. The salaries of the legislators in Mysore will be different from those that are paid to the legislators in Hyderabad or Bombay. So it may be absolutely necessary to have a new piece of legislation to amend the present Mysore Legislature Salaries Act so that the salaries and T. A. and D. A. of the legislators in the new State may be brought on par with those of the other States. While that Bill will have to be introduced after the inauguration of the new State, if they want to get through this amending Bill just at present, it would not be proper. Further, in the Statement of Objects and Reasons, it is stated that :

> " The Speaker and the Chairman have been provided with free furnished accommodation in Mysore and for the Government to make payments for electric, water and telephone charges, it is necessary to make provision for this in the Act."

After 1st November there may not be any need to have any official residences in Mysore either for the Speaker, or Chairman or Ministers as Bangalore is going to be the Capital of the new State and the Governor that is appointed is likely to stay in Bangalore. So, this piece of legislation that has been placed before us may not be necessary in view of the formation of a bigger State. Therefore I urge that the Government will do well to withdraw this Bill.

*SRI A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.— The life of this Act will be only upto 1st November. After 1st November new legislation for payment of salaries would be necessary and we have to refix them once again. Similarly the issue of T. A. and D. A. would have to be taken up later, which has been raised by some Hon'ble members. The Government was considering the desirability of introducing such a Bill. But, in view of the new State coming into existence shortly, we have deferred it for the consideration of the new State.

A point was raised as regards sumptuary allowances and the distribution ratio, as my Hon'ble friend wanted to put it, for the members of the Assembly and Council. The allotment for the Assembly is Rs. 2,500 and for the Council Rs. 1,000. The ratio was fixed up in the proportion of 60 : 40. But it is not possible to meticulously limit it to Rs. 1,000. As has happened, there has been excess expenditure in one year. Therefore provision has to be made and in fact the Accountant General has taken objection for debiting the expenditure. Hence this amendment is necessary in order to defray adequate expenditure and to provide adequate sums for that.

With these few remarks, I submit that the Bill may be passed.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That the Mysore Legislature Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1956, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER.—Clauses 2, 3 and 4. The question is.

"That Clauses 2, 3 and 4 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2, 3 and 4 were added to the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER.—Clause 1, Title and Preamble.

The question is :

" That Clause 1, the Title and the Preamble stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

The Clause 1, the Title and the Preamble were added to the Bill.

Motion to pass.

SRI A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.— Sir, I move :

" That the Mysore Legislature Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1956, be passed."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That the Mysore Legislature Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1956 be passed."

The motion was adopted.

MYSORE STAMP (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.

1-30 P.M.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—
Sir, I beg to to move—

'That the Mysore Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 1956, be taken into consideration."

ಸ್ವಾಮಿ,

ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯು 1953 ನೆ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಲೀನವಾದಾಗ ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿನ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಪ್‌ರೇಟ್ ಮದರಾಸಿನಲ್ಲಿನ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಪ್ ರೇಟಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚುಕಡಿಮೆ ಇತ್ತು. ಆಗ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಪ್ ರೇಟನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ 1954 ನೆ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯನ್ನು ತಂದು ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಪ್ ರೇಟ್ ನಮೂದು ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲನ್ನು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು. ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವು consequential ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ 11, 32, 35, 40, 41 ಇವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಣಾಮಕಾರಿಯಾದ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಯಿತು. ಇದು ನಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಮೇಲೆ ಆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೂಚನೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

It is merely a consequential amendment that became necessary as a result of the legislation that was passed by this Hon'ble House in the year 1954. I do not think I need take more time of the House in going into details at this stage, except to say that they are merely consequential in nature and I request the approval of the House. With these w rds, I request that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

That the Mysore Stamp Amendment Bill, 1956, be taken into consideration.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ (ಪುರಭೇಕೆರೆ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ಮಸೂದೆಯನ್ನು ನಾನು ವಿರೋಧಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಹಿಂದೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಸೂದೆಯನ್ನು ಆತುರಾತುರವಾಗಿ ತಂದು ಪಾಸ್ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದರು. ಅದರ ಬಿಸಿ ಈಗ ನಮಗೆ ಪೂರಾ ತಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ಒಂದಕ್ಕೆರಡರಷ್ಟು ಎಂದರೆ, ಯಾವ ಮನೂದೆಯಲ್ಲೇ ಆಗಲಿ, ಯಾವ taxation ಮನೂದೆಯಲ್ಲೇ ಆಗಲಿ ಇಷ್ಟು ದುಬಾರಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವಿಲ್ಲ. ನೂರಕ್ಕೆ ನೂರರಷ್ಟು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಕೊಡುವವರಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಯಾಕೆಂದರೆ ನೂರು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ವ್ಯವಹಾರಕ್ಕೆ ನುಮಾರು ಹತ್ತು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಖರ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತವೆ. ಸಣ್ಣ ಸಣ್ಣ ವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಡಗುವ ಬಡವರಿಗೆ ಇದರಿಂದ ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಬಡವರು ಹಾಕಬೇಕಾದ ಕಡಿಮೆ. ಮೌಲ್ಯದ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಪನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಾಡಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಪುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರೆ ಅಷ್ಟಾಗಿ ಇದನ್ನು ನಾವು ಟೀಕಿಸುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಬಡಬಗ್ಗರಿಗೆ ತೀವ್ರವಾದ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಹತ್ತು ವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳು ನಡೆಯುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಬೆಲೆಗೆ ನರಿಸಮಾನವಾದ ಹಣ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಖಜಾನೆಗೆ ಸೇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಪುಗಳ ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಒಂದು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಡಿಮೆಮಾಡಿ, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಿರುವ ದರಗಳು ಒಂದು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಈಗಿರುವ ದರಗಳು ಬಹಳ ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಬಡವರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಈ ಮಸೂದೆಯನ್ನು ವಿರೋಧಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (T. Narasipur).—Sir, I oppose this Bill. By clause 2, the Government seek to amend section 11 of the Mysore Act of 1900.

That section 11 reads as follows— :

"11. The following instruments may be stamped with adhesive stamps, namely :—

(*a*) instruments chargeable with the duty of one anna or half-an-anna except parts of bills of exchange payable otherwise than on demand and drawn in sets"

Now Sir, the amendment runs as follows :

"In clause (a) of section 11 of the Mysore Stamp Act, 1900 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act) for the words "one anna or half-an-anna" the words "one-and-a-half-annas, one anna or half-an-anna" shall be substituted."

Sir, this in fact amounts to the introduction of a new structure of levy of stamp duty and it brings in revenue to Government and Government should have furnished along with the Bill a financial memorandum. The Hon'ble